

DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Division of Economic Support Bureau of Work Support Programs

TO: Economic Support Supervisors

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PRIORITY: High

SUBJECT: MEDICAID PURCHASE PLAN (MAPP) STANDARD MAINTENANCE

ALLOWANCE

CROSS REFERENCE: BWSP Operations Memos 00-15 & 00-87

Medical Assistance Handbook, Appendix 33

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2001

BACKGROUND

The cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) in the Social Security Administration's Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) and federal portion of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits effective 01-01-01 result in changes in the Medicaid (MA) income and asset levels, allowances and deductions.

Most of these eligibility determinations were included in the CARES mass change done the weekend of 12/02/00. The MA Purchase Plan (MAPP) is not automated in CARES.

MAPP STANDARD MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE CHANGE

The Standard Maintenance allowance is a deduction to be used when calculating an applicant/recipient's monthly premium, established by the Department of Health & Family Services and adjusted annually.

- The Standard Maintenance Allowance, as of <u>01/01/00</u>, is \$616.00.
- The adjusted amount, as of 01/01/01, will be \$634.00.

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NOTICES

See the MA Handbook, Appendix 33.10.0 for instructions.

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